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AMENDMENT C

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 7, 2003, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the present Amendment C are being filed. Following entry of Amendment C, reconsideration of the claims as amended is respectfully requested.

The filing fee for the RCE under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(e) is \$750.00. Thus, the total due for the RCE is \$750.00, and a check for the \$750.00 for the RCE filing fee is enclosed herewith. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is also authorized to charge any additional fees required to secure the entry of this Amendment A Under Rule 1.111, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-0882.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this Amendment.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this Amendment.